



Lamoine Cable TV Channel Committee

Minutes of October 19, 2005

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Chairman Henry Ashmore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Present were Committee members Frank Murray, John Wuorinen, Nicholas Pappas, Patty Heath, Henry Ashmore, Secretary Stu Marckoon

Minutes of April 11, 2005 – Nick moved to approve the minutes as presented. Patty 2nd.
Vote in favor was unanimous

Volunteer Recruitment

Stu noted that Chris Bowman is attending school in Limestone, but his sister Katie and her friend Katie Murphy are doing a great deal of the technical producing for the meetings. Nick Pappas has also re-joined the tech crew now that soccer season is over. Nick's brother Jeff Higgins will also take a turn or two.

Call-Ins

A discussion followed about having call-in capability for viewers to put on the air during meetings. The board felt that might be useful for people with questions or comments, especially for those unable to get out. John said the Appeals Board might welcome such calls. Stu said he would speak with the Selectmen about it.

Operational Issues

Stu said a recent power outage left one camera unable to focus. He said he fixed that by turning off the circuit breaker and turning it back on.

The board was concerned about audio quality. Stu said some buffer pads at the school worked pretty good once and he would try those.

Equipment Needs

Henry noted the board needs to approve a budget. The board talked about it and decided the equipment line would be an equipment fund line for future purchases at the school.

There was a discussion about the DVD recorder (working well), the field camera, wiring the school, and getting a portable audio board.

The committee would like to meet with the school about the future telecast opportunities from that facility. Stu said he would ask Bill Fowler to get on a future agenda.

Stu said it would be nice to get the town hall cameras lowered a few feet.

A short discussion followed on the Time/Warner purchase.

Other Matters

Stu said there was a concern about the young people doing the switching being left alone, outside after the meetings are done. He said he communicated that concern to board chairs and suggested the techs could wait in the lobby area for their rides.

John said a flyer for the board chairs on TV distractions such as not drumming fingers might help. Stu said he would try to come up with something.

Equipment Purchases – Current

Stu said he would like to upgrade the computer running the power point show – it often gets stuck and goes black. He said a portable audio mixer would be helpful for off-site productions. The committee asked Stu to get prices and e-mail them for approval or have that happen when the committee meets with the School Board.

Budget

The Committee agreed to keep the same budget as the current year, except calling the equipment line the equipment fund line (as noted above).

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst.